

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR PROMOTING SPORTS AMONG TRIBAL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing/proposes to implement any scheme for promoting sports among the tribal people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of tribal sports persons benefiting thereof in the country including Andhra Pradesh, gender-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give training to the tribals to participate in the Commonwealth Games;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent so far; and
- (e) the funds earmarked and utilised for the training of tribals during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): A scheme of Special Area Games (SAG) is implemented by Sports Authority of India (SAI) under which, sports talent from tribal, costal and hilly areas is identified and nurtured. The trainees, who are in the age group of 14 to 21 years, are admitted in the training centres on residential and non-residential basis. They are provided with sports kit, sports equipments, competition exposure, insurance, medical expenses, etc. There are 21 centres across the country and the number of tribal trainees being trained during 2008-09 are given below:-

Sl. No.	Region		Residential			Non Residential			Grand Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total	Total	Total		
1.	East	337	175	512	42	22	64	576	
2.	Southern	93	162	255	82	68	150	405	
3.	North East	491	323	814	88	38	126	940	
4.	Central Centre	46	05	51	23	01	24	75	
Total		912	651	1563	230	124	354	1917	

(c) & (d): Core probables including tribal sportspersons have been identified and are being trained intensively for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(e) There is no separate earmarking of funds for training of sportspersons from tribal areas.